

Congregation Beth Am



April 2019

Adar 2/Nisan 5779

Pesach!

Passover begins with the first Seder on Friday night, April 19. There will be no services at Beth Am that weekend.

Mark your calendars for a special 8th day service with Rabbi Marcy Greene on April 27, including Hallel and Yizkor. The service will be followed by a kosher-for-Passover kiddush.

Rabbi Marcy Greene will be visiting once a month on Saturday mornings through June 2019. The dates that have been set in future months are May 25 and June 29.

First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat

April's First Friday is Apr. 5 at 6:30 p.m. – a good chance to get rid of your extra chametz (leavened goods). Once again, Rhoda Rappaport will host.

Please bring beverages, side dish or dessert to share for a potluck dinner following Kabbalat Shabbat services.

May's First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat will be on May 3.

Thank You

To those who helped with Shabbat services in March: Rona Aduna, Karen Berkowitz, Marion Bernstein, Rabbi Marcy Greene, Peter Janes, Gary Kurzban, and Rhoda Rappaport.

To those who provided kiddush in March: Marianne & Lenny Kestenbaum, and the Kurzban-Ruiz family.

To Rhoda Rappaport for hosting First Friday in March.

Contributions to Congregation Beth Am should be sent to Rhoda Rappaport, 16942 Summer Creek Dr., SAT 78248-1409.



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In the Community

“Shower the Community With Love”

The Jewish Federation will host its 4th annual “Shower the Community With Love” evening on Monday, April 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Jewish Campus. As a part of its Women’s Philanthropy mission, the event will feature Melissa K. Rosen, the national outreach director of Sharsheret, a support group for women with breast or ovarian cancer. She will explore what we can do as individuals to help support loved ones facing difficult diagnoses.

Desserts and wine will be served. Tickets are \$18. For reservations, contact Eva LaPorte at LaporteE@jfsatx.org.

JFS Brunch of Inspiration in May

Jewish Family Service of San Antonio will hold its annual fundraiser on Sunday, May 19, at 10 a.m. at the Jewish Campus. Honorees are Ilene and Steve Kramer and the Richmond family.

The event helps support mental health and social services provided by JFS to the entire community.

Tickets for the gala brunch are \$60. Reservations may be made at www.jfs-sa.org/inspiration.

“Above the Drowning Sea”

A documentary about the Austrian Jewish refugees who escaped to Shanghai on the eve of World War II will screen on April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Santikos Palladium. Following the film, there will be a question and answer period with author Liliane Willens.

Admission is \$10. The event is sponsored by the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio.

Oral History Film Debut

The National Council of Jewish Women-San Antonio invites the community to the fundraising premiere of ***IMPACT: The San Antonio Jewish Oral History Project*** at Regal Cinema at the Alamo Quarry Theater.

The film chronicles the role the Jewish Community has played in the history and development of San Antonio as told by NCJW's honorees. The event is set for Sunday, April 14.

Doors open at 1:15 pm, and the film begins at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$54 per person (includes popcorn and drink). To purchase tickets and/or sponsorships, go to www.ncjwsa.org/impact or contact Sheryd Jackson, (210) 558-2010, or sherydsheryd@sbcglobal.net.

“Ben-Gurion, Epilogue” Documentary

Congregation Rodfei Sholom is the venue for a film about Israeli leader David Ben-Gurion sponsored by the American Associates for Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

The prize-winning documentary will screen on Sunday, April 14, at 7 p.m. and is free. Reservations are required by April 10 by calling 1713/522-8284 or at dbergeron@aabgu.org.

Yom Ha-Shoah – Holocaust Memorial

The annual community observance of Holocaust Memorial Day, Yom Ha-Shoah, will be on at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, at Congregation Agudas Achim.

Israel’s Independence Day

Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day) and Yom Ha’Atzmaut (Israel’s Independence Day) will be observed in a community-wide program on Wednesday evening, May 8 at the Jewish Campus. The memorial service begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Holzman Auditorium, followed by a celebration at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Food, music, and activities for children will be available.

Yahrzeits

8 Nisan (April 13) John Goss Skelton, congregant
11 Nisan (April 16) Col. Bernard Pusin, congregant

14 Nisan (April 19) Israel Garfinkel, grandfather of Marianne Kestenbaum

15 Nisan (April 20) Rabbi Jerome Kestenbaum, father of Lenny Kestenbaum

15 Nisan (April 20) Felicita Navarro Ruiz, grandmother of Teresa Ruiz

17 Nisan (April 22) June Myers Grant, mother of David Grant

18 Nisan (April 23) Rhoda Gershenhorn, mother of Susan Gershenhorn

20 Nisan (April 25) Lee Zimmerman, mother of Marianne Kestenbaum

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APRIL SHABBAT SERVICES

☆ *Saturday services are at 10 a.m. in the Thoreau Building, UUC, 7150 IH-10 West.* ☆

Apr. 5: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m. at the home of Rhoda Rappaport

Apr. 13: *Metzora/Shabbat Ha-Gadol* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Gary Kurzban; Haftarah: Karen Berkowitz; D'var Torah: Nancy Oseasohn; Kiddush: Mike & Evelyn Roth

Apr. 27: *8th Day of Passover* Gabbai: Gary Kurzban; Shaliach Tzibbur & Hallel: Marion Bernstein; Torah: Rabbi Marcy Greene; Haftarah: Rona Aduna; D'var Torah: Rabbi Marcy; Kiddush: Karen Berkowitz and Nancy Oseasohn

May 3: First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat, 6:30 p.m., at the home of

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